



# IMMACULATE HEART NEWS

ISSUE 6 WEEK 4 TERM 2



CROSS COUNTRY

## Message from the Principal's Desk

*Mrs Samantha Da Luz*

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the middle of Term 2, we give thanks for all that has occurred during this hectic time: Cross Country carnivals, Senior School dances, Mother's Day activities and stalls, preparation for examinations and course counselling, Anzac Day ceremonies, class excursions and more! Now, we have to focus on our continued path on improvement: NAPLAN analysis for staff, continued work on our Master Plan, including provision of OSCH services, and other upgrades to our facilities. A busy time lies ahead for all of us, especially for the Primary School in Week 5.

We farewell Mr and Mrs Hall this week as they and their children embark upon a new adventure in the Pilbara. Mr Hall spent some time with us last year helping out as groundsman until the arrival of Mr Middleton, whilst Mrs Hall has been invaluable in the steading of the primary years during my time as Principal thus far as we experienced a tremendous growth in numbers and additional staff. We will miss Mrs Hall's very efficient, confident and positive leadership and teaching at IHC, however, we are very blessed to have Mrs Cumbo and Mrs McLaughlin able to step into the ELC and Primary Coordinator roles. We thank the Hall family for being such a vibrant and valuable part of our IHC story during the past five years - we can't wait to hear of all your new adventures in Karratha!

We announced our new look Representative Council last week at the Secondary Assembly and look forward to developing these new young leaders. They will meet with Ms Markham regularly each fortnight to develop their skills and work with our organisational leadership team on our College improvement plan. I look forward to hearing their ideas and to working more closely with the council in the future.

Our College Board continues to support all initiatives and events that enhance our college culture and facilities. It is important to remember that these members of our governing body are all volunteers and they give up their time regularly and without payment. It is also important to note that the Our Lady of the Visitation Parish (Divine Mercy Church) has supported our college since its inception, but we are two very separate entities. We share a very positive and mutually beneficial relationship but operate very distinctly both financially and organisationally. The parish builds and develops their own assets from their fundraising and business efforts, which are totally separate to our college. To assist in this distinction, we are seeking solutions to fence off our college site for such purposes and to consolidate our own identity.

Thank you to our hardworking P&F committee who were out in force at our recent Cross Country carnivals and our Mother's Day stalls. Their presence, support and continued hard work make such a big difference to our college life, truly enforcing our community atmosphere and family connections. We love seeing so many parent volunteers at our events, excursions and around our school.

Until next time, God bless!

## Save the Dates

For further details, please visit the College Calendar:  
<http://inc.wa.edu.au/calendar/>

**Week 5**  
Thu 16 May: Primary School Assembly - Year 4  
Thu 16 May: Careers Expo - Years to 12  
Fri 17 May: Years 3 to 6 Mass

**Week 6**  
Wed 22 May: National Simultaneous Storytime  
Fri 24 May: Years 7 to 12 Mass  
Fri 24 May: ELC Hospital Familiarisation Excursion

**Week 7**  
Thu 30 May: ACC Secondary Cross Country  
Thu 30 May: Primary School Assembly - Year 2  
Fri 31 May: Years 3 to 6 Mass

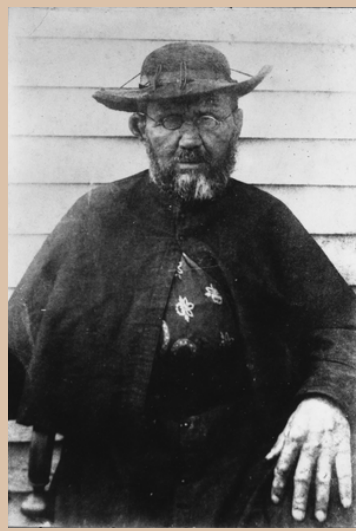
**Week 8**  
Mon 3 Jun: WA Day Public Holiday - College Closed  
Tue 4 Jun: Year 10 and 11 Examinations Commence  
Thu 6 Jun: Secondary School Assembly  
Fri 7 Jun: Pre-primary to Year 2 Mass





## From the Heart

Friday of this week features the Feast Day of an amazing young man whose later life was mostly spent in the Hawaiian Island of Molokai. To say this, is to immediately conjure up images of exotic holiday locations, 5-star hotels and beach life. However, at the time in which Fr Damien de Veuster lived, Molokai was a leper colony. He bravely volunteered to go on mission to this "cursed isle". Fr Damien was Belgian and was therefore ill-equipped for life on a tropical island, especially one that was inhabited by people who were suffering from a deadly contagious disease. He spent 16 years serving the leprosy patients, finally dying of the same disease in 1889. He was only 49 years old when he passed away. In his first year on Molokai, Fr Damien had to get used to the smell and he also had to learn to treat the skin complaints that the patients suffered. He built proper dwellings on the island for the patients and, as a result of his care for those with leprosy, he became a much-loved priest. In 1992, Pope Saint John Paul II officially confirmed a miracle that had been the result of a French nun praying a novena to Fr Damien of Molokai. Sister Simplicia Hue had been dying of a stomach disease until her prayers were answered through Fr Damien's intercession.



When we arrive at the end of this week, we will have been celebrating Easter for the same amount of time that we observed Lent: 6 weeks. Such is the balance between fasting and feasting in the Church's Liturgical Year. For the next three Sundays, major solemnities will be celebrated: the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven; the birthday of the Church aka Pentecost; and the Most Holy Trinity. Each Mass invites us to delve deeply into these great mysteries of our Faith so that one day, by God's grace, we will all meet saints such as Damien of Molokai.

*Mr Paul Kelly  
Head of Theology, Faith and Liturgy*

## Goodbye and Thank You!

*Mrs Catherine Hall*

Dearest families and friends of Immaculate Heart College, it is with great sadness and pride that I write my very last newsletter article. As you are aware, next Tuesday will be the final day for myself and my children at Immaculate Heart College. I have successfully secured a role as a Curriculum Care Coordinator at St. Luke's College Karratha and will be packing up my family and heading to the Pilbara. I am extremely proud of my accomplishments at IHC and hugely thankful for the opportunity to lead this primary school, love all the children and work with an amazing team of staff.

I first visited IHC as a family friend to watch the famous Colour Run five years ago. I was immediately struck by the wonderful community atmosphere and the idyllic country setting. It also helped that the school was full of familiar faces of children and parents I knew well from having lived within the Bullsbrook community for many years. It was at this moment my husband and I decided to move three of our four children over to the school immediately. We began our IHC journey and the rest as they say is history.

I will miss so many things about Immaculate Heart College but the thing I will miss the most (the most important part of a school) is the children. I love seeing the smiling faces of the ELC children as they enter the gates, the rambunctious Year 4s out on the soccer pitch and the Year 11 and 12 boys on the basketball court. I will miss the hugs from so many children as I walk through the school and the stories of fun holidays, new babies, new bikes, horses, chickens, cats, motorbikes, and all things country that only our students can really understand.

I wish nothing but the best for Mrs Bianca McLaughlin and Mrs Mireinne Cumbo as they step into their new roles of Primary Coordinator and Early Learning Coordinator. I thank our Principal Sammantha Da Luz for believing in me and teaching me so many vital lessons and most importantly how to lead with your heart not just with your head. To all the teachers, education assistants and other staff at Immaculate Heart College: it is you who have made this school what it is today. Thank you for letting me be a part of your team.

I wish all of our families love, light, laughter and success moving forward and can't wait to see you again someday.

May God bless you all.



## Cicerello's Excursion

*Miss Kirralee Price, Mrs Paula-Lee Cutler and Mrs Westlake*

On Wednesday 1 May, the Year 1 and 2 cohorts went on an excursion to Cicerello's in Fremantle. The day began with many excited students jumping onto the bus ready to drive to their destination.

We were greeted by the lovely staff who made us feel very welcome. As part of the marine life presentation, students were able to touch sea urchins, sea apples, starfish and a crayfish, and view the amazing aquarium tanks. The students also walked to the beach where they searched for "interesting things". Some students found shells, coral, seaweed and even rubbish. This prompted a valuable educational opportunity, during which the students engaged in a discussion about the proper place for their discoveries and why they should not litter.

The students were given some time to build their own sandcastles and decorate them with seaweed and shells.

By lunchtime everyone was feeling a bit hungry and ready for some yummy lunch looking over the ocean. The students had the choice of chicken, pineapple or fish with chips. The meals were loved by all.

Overall, they all had an amazing day and everyone was so well behaved. Well done to all the Year 1 and 2 students!

A huge thank you to all the parent helpers.





# Pre-primary 1

Mrs Alison Cockayne

Last week we designed and constructed a house for a fairy. First, we thought about what the house might need, then we drew a design that had to include a door and window. We then had to explain our design before we made it to ensure that we had all the features required. Once finished, we completed an evaluation of our design and took them home to put into our garden.



# Pre-primary 2

Mrs Mireinne Cumbo

In Pre-primary 2 we have been super busy preparing for the Mother's Day celebration. We have created our own prayers and we have been super busy squashing, pinching and rolling clay to create some amazing things for our special Mums. Happy Mother's Day!



# Latin Exam

Mr Scott O'Callaghan

At the end of Term 1, the Year 10 Latin class took the National Latin Exam. The National Latin Exam is in fact an international exam. Hundreds of thousands of students sit this exam, all over the world, at the same time, once a year. Many students even in our own region take the exam, including schools in China, Japan, South Korea, Singapore as well as in Australia and New Zealand.

The International Exam is very challenging and demanding. To achieve a gold medal, a student must attain a score of over 95% or above, and for a silver medal between 85-95%. There are no bronze medals.

Three of our IHC students have achieved cum maxima laude (with the greatest praise) at this year's exam, and therefore have won silver medals. These students are: Cara Dobra, Jordan Vale-Kunz and Dakota Covich. Cara only just missed out on a gold medal, with a score of 92.5%. We are extremely proud of the achievement of these students, who have worked so hard this year, and have represented our school so well internationally.

These results in particular, have put Immaculate Heart College on the map in regard to academic rigour and intellectual discipline. Congratulations to all our Latin students who have done so well at this year's exam!

As Virgil, the great Roman poet said over 2000 years ago, "Labor omnia vincit!" Hard work conquers all!



DEAR LORD,  
 THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME  
 MY MUM, ALWAYS GIVING  
 ME HUGS!  
 SHE IS SO KIND AND CARING!  
 PLEASE LOOK AFTER MY  
 MUMMY,  
 KEEP HER SAFE.  
 FOR THIS I IS PRAY LORD.  
 AMEN



DEAR GOD,  
 THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME MY  
 MUMMY,  
 SHE IS SO STRONG!  
 SHE GIVES ME LOTS OF HUGS  
 AND KISSES!  
 PLEASE LOOK AFTER MY MUM,  
 PLEASE MAKE HER HEALTHY  
 AND STRONG.  
 FOR THIS I IS PRAY LORD.  
 AMEN



DEAR LORD,  
 THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME MY  
 MUM,  
 SHE IS SO CARING AND FUNNY!  
 SHE ALWAYS MAKES UP JOKES!  
 SHE GIVES ME HUGS AND  
 KISSES!  
 PLEASE LOOK AFTER MY MUM,  
 KEEP HER SAFE.  
 FOR THIS I IS PRAY LORD.  
 AMEN



## Year 11 Human Biology - Dissecting Kidneys

*Mrs Emma Robinson*

Our Year 11 Human Biology students recently delved into the fascinating world of renal anatomy through a kidney dissection. Students examined the structure and function of the kidney, gaining invaluable hands-on experience that complements their theoretical knowledge that students have been learning in class.

Through this engaging activity, students gained a deeper appreciation for the complexity of the human body and the integral role of the kidneys in supporting homeostasis. From naming key anatomical features to understanding the significance of renal function, this dissection supplied a unique opportunity for students to apply classroom concepts in a real-world context.

This firsthand approach ensures a deeper understanding of human biology but also cultivates critical thinking and problem-solving abilities essential for future academic and professional endeavours.

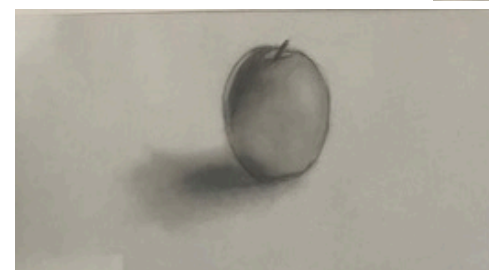
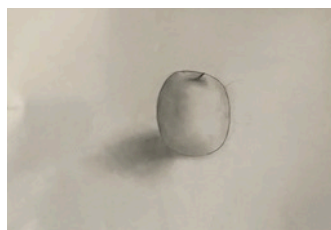
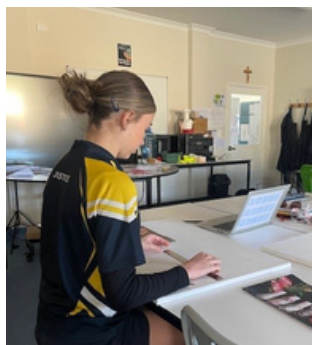


## Year 9 Visual Arts

*Ms Kelly Burton*

The Year 9 Visual Arts current project draws inspiration from the Vanitas style still-life artwork. As they strive to create their own compositions, students are depicting objects from their daily lives that have a 'shelf-life', encouraging them to explore the transitory nature of life.

These works will be displayed at the end of year Arts Showcase.



## Year 12 Outdoor Education Conquer

*Mrs Emma Robinson*

Year 12 Outdoor Education students conquered Summit Rock Climbing this week, building their confidence in the outdoors. Facing the challenge head-on, they honed technical skills and practiced safe participation. Despite daunting heights, they fearlessly tackled each climb, fostering resilience and adaptability. This immersive experience not only provided hands-on learning but also deepened their understanding of human-nature interactions and sustainability. Congratulations to our brave students for embracing the adventure!

### Rock Climbing Reflection

By Mackenzie White, Year 12 OED student

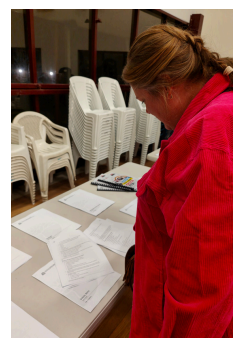
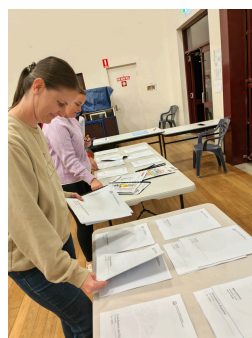
I had a great time learning and climbing and using my strength. I enjoyed learning about the different body positions, like climbing sideways and climbing on a ledge. There were many rock climbing holds that we learnt on the day but I cannot remember what they all were. I do remember how we paused when using the tips of our toes and stayed close to the wall. We also practiced on smaller steep walls, belaying down and planned which route to take when rock climbing the wall.



## Year 10 Information Evening

*Ms Katelyn Hegarty*

On Wednesday 1 May we opened the conversation with the Year 10 cohort to prompt them to consider their journey to graduation in 2026. The Year 10-12 students will be headed to the Careers Expo at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Thursday 16 May. All Year 10 students and their parents will be contacted via email over the next two weeks, to book in for our first one-to-one discussions. We will identify the desired pathway, areas of interest and next steps. This information will be used to set the course lines for students to select their 2025 subjects.





# College Ball

Immaculate Heart students embarked on a magical evening at Beaumonde on the Point, nestled along the Swan River. In the captivating ambiance of Ballroom 3, adorned with lanterns draped in foliage and twinkling candles, students danced the night away to a blend of old and new songs, capturing unforgettable moments with the aid of Bliss photography.

Students arrived in style, with one rolling up in a Mustang and another in a McLaren luxury car, adding to the excitement of the evening.

The culinary journey began with an array of starters, including prawn & tamarind spring rolls, accompanied by a mixed leaf salad with vinaigrette and a potato salad with buttermilk aioli and chives, alongside assorted bread rolls.

Guests then indulged in a sumptuous hot choice, featuring buttermilk fried chicken wings with ranch dressing, spinach and goat's cheese ravioli with eggplant, zucchini, and feta, and braised beef brisket with caramelised shallots and jus. This was followed by a choice of desserts.

The titles of Best Dressed Male and Female were adorned upon Kade Elkington and Mackenzie White, respectively, as honoured by their fellow students. Congratulations to Kade and Mackenzie for capturing the essence of sophistication and charm.

Throughout the night students and staff enjoyed dancing the evening away, with smiles and laughter punctuating the room. Memories were made that will last a lifetime for both our 11 and 12 students.

A heartfelt thank you to all the staff who attended and supported the students; a special mention to Ms Hegarty for her support on the night and in the lead-up to the evening. Thank you to all the students who contributed to our fundraising efforts over the last few months, as well as our wonderful P & F committee who contributed to the fundraising efforts and to the Board for their generous donation towards the ball as well.

May your dreams be guided by Mary's grace, your ambitions by faith, and your journey blessed according to God's will.

Mrs Emma Robinson - Years 10 - 12 Coordinator

